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use in Virginia, but we can say with confidence that as soon as the virtues of the book become known to Virginia lawyers it will be widely used and cited. The great similarity between the Virginia and West Virginia statutes and practice makes it altogether possible for a West Virginia lawyer, acquainted with the practice in his own State and with the Virginia decisions, to write most intelligently upon all questions treated by Mr. Hogg. The work contains one thousand, six hundred and eighty-nine pages, nearly seven hundred of which are devoted to equity forms, many of which do not appear in any modern Virginia book. We think that Hogg's *Equity Procedure* is a most desirable, if not a necessary, addition to the library of the Virginia lawyer.

HUGHES' FEDERAL PROCEDURE. *Handbook of jurisdiction and procedure in United States Courts.* By Robert M. Hughes, M. A., of the Norfolk (Va.) bar, author of *Handbook of Admiralty Law.* West Publishing Company. St. Paul, Minn.: 1904.

This is the thirtieth volume of the *Hornbook Series*. It is the work of a man well known and highly esteemed by the Virginia bar—one who has been honored with the presidency of our State Bar Association, and whose qualifications to write on the subject of Federal Procedure will be admitted by all.

We are glad that the subject of Federal Procedure has at last been treated on the "Hornbook" plan. It is with genuine relief that a busy lawyer takes up one of the *Hornbooks* when he wishes ready reference to general principles or rules. With those whose appearance in Federal Courts is not frequent, a work thus arranged will find a special welcome.

A peculiarly valuable feature of the work is the plan which the author has adopted of commencing with the courts in which cases originate, and working up to and through the courts of last resort. This plan would seem to be so obviously reasonable and desirable that it is strange it has not been uniformly followed.

The rules of the United States Supreme Court, and the rules of practice for the courts of equity of the United States, which are given in an appendix, are up to date and will be found of great practical convenience.

ROSE'S UNITED STATES SUPREME COURT DIGEST. *Digest of the United States Reports from the beginning to the October term, 1902. Volume 1 to 186 United States, inclusive, with table of cases, table of citations of all non-Federal cases cited by the Supreme Court, table of citations of constitutional and statutory provisions, State and Federal, and the equity, admiralty and general rules of the Supreme Court.* In three volumes. By Walter Malins Rose, author of *Notes on United States Reports.* Bancroft-Whitney Company, San Francisco. 1903.

"Rose's Notes," though published only a few years ago, have already become necessary to the thorough and expeditious investigation of any question of law. Mr. Rose in the preparation of his Notes found that the decisions of the Supreme Court of the United States contained many points which did not appear in the syllabi, and hitherto have not appeared in any of the Digests. It is for this reason that he undertook the preparation of a new Digest. His experience in the preparation of his Notes has fitted him perhaps above all others to give the profession a Digest of real merit. When we take into consideration the overshadowing authority of the Supreme Court of the United States, binding in many cases and persuasive in all, we hail with delight a Digest which brings to the surface many points hitherto lost because undigested. It is not safe for a lawyer without first consulting Rose's Digest to reach the conclusion that the Supreme Court of the United States has not passed on any given question of law.